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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1360

AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 0627

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM TANANARIVE VIA E&E RADIO:

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM MA

SUBJECT: EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS

1. NORMAL EMBASSY TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS REMAIN CUT BY GOMR. I RAISED ISSUE WITH FONOFF OFFICIAL FEB. 19, BUT HE FELT LIKELY REMAIN CUT AS LONG AS MARTIAL LAW LASTS.

2. DEAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS ALSO RAISED FEB 19 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON BEHALF OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS BUT HAS NOT YET HAD RESPONSE.

3. WE SHALL CONTINUE USE THIS MEANS TO TRANSMIT IMPORTANT UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGES. WE MUCH APPRECIATE CONTINUED COOPERATION OF PRETORIA, NAIROBI, DAR ES SALAAM, AND BLANTYRE.

4. EVENING FEB. 19, OUR OUTGOING UNACCOMPANIED POUCH WAS REJECTED BY AIR FREIGHT OFFICE BECAUSE OF NEW
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RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY GOMR. TWO OTHER

EMBASSIES WHICH HAD OFFICES TAKE UNACCOMPANIED POUCHES
TO AIRPORT FEB 20 AT FIRST MET WITH REFUSAL BUT WAS FINALLY
SUCCESSFUL AT DISPATCHING THEM. WE PLAN USE SAME TECHNIQUE
FOR NEXT FLIGHT ON FEB. 22.

5. SINCE WE HAVE NO MEANS OF CLASSIFIED COMMUNICATIONS,
AND THERE ARE LIMITATIONS ON SENDING TRAFFIC ON THIS NET,
WE PLAN FORWARD PARIS SOME TAPES, WHICH ARE THEMSELVES
UNCLASSIFIED, FOR TRANSMISSION BY C&R PARIS. WE HAVE
COORDINATED WITH PRETORIA ON SAME SUBJECT. POUCH WILL
ARRIVE FEB. 22 AT 2300 HOURS ON FLIGHT MD-60 (TANA-
DJIBOUTI-PARIS). PARIS MEET AND CONFIRM RECEIPT.

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